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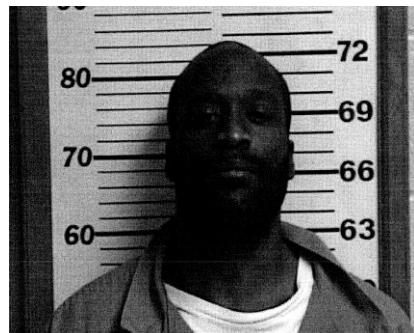
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COVINGTON MAN CHARGED IN MURDER OF RIPLEY STORE CLERK

Nashville, Tenn. – The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation today arrested a Covington man and charged him with the murder of a store clerk in Ripley for shooting him to death last month.

Kevin Grandberry, 35, was charged with one count of first degree murder and one count of especially aggravated robbery. On November 14, 2012, Grandberry entered a gas station at 2148 Highway 51 South and shot the store clerk, 38-year-old Deepal Patel. Grandberry took the cash drawer from the store's cash register and fled the scene. Several days later, the cash drawer and a piece of cloth Grandberry used to cover his face during the robbery were recovered behind the Lauderdale County Alternative School in Ripley. Earlier this month, a TBI Special Agent-Forensic Scientist developed a DNA profile from the piece of cloth and matched it to the CODIS DNA profile of Grandberry, identifying him as the suspect.

Grandberry was booked into the Lauderdale County Jail today on a \$500,000 bond.



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